

## Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. attending the meeting was: Park Board President Ron Bennett, Members – Kelly Cox, Don Oeth and Synda Waters. Parks Director – John Tate and Park Board Secretary - Debra Scott.

Council member Linc Baro was not present.

Claims were not available at meeting time.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Kelly Cox and there was no motion for a second. Mrs. Synda Waters stated she did not feel comfortable to authorize payment of claims without first seeing them. Motion Not Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the May 20th, 2010, meeting was made by Kelly Cox and seconded by Don Oeth. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for June 16th, 2010, was made by Synda Waters and seconded by Don Oeth. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Imagination Station- Mrs. Synda Waters stated that Ron Greenfield attended the City Council meeting and complained at length on the trash and the activities that take place at the Imagination Station located at the library. Mrs. Synda Waters stated that council discussed forming a committee to work at the Imagination Station. Mr. Tate stated that he had spoken with Mr. Greenfield a couple of times. Mrs. Waters stated all the Parks Department can really do is ask the police to patrol the area more frequently. Mr. Don Oeth stated the Park really needs a time posted when it is closed. Mr. Tate stated the sign does say it is closed from Dusk to Dawn. Mrs. Synda Waters asked about motion lights. Mr. Kelly Cox suggested talking with the police and asking if there is anything the Parks Department can do to help with the situation at the Park. Mr. Ron Bennett stated The Parks Dept. needs to wait and see if the City Council contacts us on this issue. On another note, Mr. John Tate stated he is working with the city attorney to write an ordinance to create an Imagination Station fund. Once the fund is established, we can then transfer funds from the Friends of the Library account.

2. Purchases- Mr. Tate stated he purchased 10 new lounge chairs for the swimming pool from Wal-Mart. The chairs arrived on the third day the pool was open.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget- Mr. Tate stated he will be meeting with Mayor Tucker tomorrow to discuss the budget hearing.

A. 2011 Budget- Mrs. Synda Waters asked if the federal wage increase has affected our budget. Mr. Tate explained how minimum wage has increased over the last 3 years and our budget increases have not kept up with the wage increases. Mr. Tate stated he will ask for a new budget line for Imagination Station on June 30<sup>th</sup>, at the budget hearing. Mrs. Waters asked why we needed a new line for Imagination Station. Mr. Tate said a line in our budget would be a backup plan in case the donation fund becomes depleted. Mr. Don Oeth stated the Parks Department will have to account for the money the library donated. Mr. Tate said the Clerk Treasurer runs a ledger and that he will keep records of all spending as well. Mr. Ron Bennett asked the Board if they had any suggestions for Mr. Tate about the budget, there were none.

B. Transfers- Mr. Tate stated the department had encumbered \$16,710.00 from the 2009 budget to paint Shelter #1. The department currently has \$52,000 cash available and is waiting on the tax settlement. Mr. Tate asked the Board about transferring funds internally to go ahead and start the project. He stated the non-reverting soccer line has a \$16,000 balance; the department could borrow \$10,000. This would help the parks and recreation general fund until the settlement comes through. We would then pay the soccer fund back. Mr. Kelly Cox made the motion to borrow \$10,000 from the non-reverting soccer budget; Mrs. Synda Waters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mr. Ron Bennett asked if there was any other new business or issues that needed to be addressed at this time. Mr. Don Oeth asked if the Parks Department had been having any trouble with vandalism out at Brittlebank Park. Mr. Tate explained we had and are looking at ways to secure the buildings better. The maintenance crew will now be locking and closing the shelter restrooms for paid rentals. The shelter may not be open during certain times of the day. The idea of issuing keys to renters like we do for the Senior Citizen Center has been discussed. Mr. Don Oeth asked about surveillance cameras, he stated we could be paying for the cameras instead of all the damages the department has incurred. After a brief discussion on the issue, it was tabled until further discussion.

Motion was made to adjourn by Don Oeth and seconded by Kelly Cox.

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

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John Tate, Parks Director

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Ron Bennett, Board President

\*\*The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 22nd, 2010, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.